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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2018 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2018 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 22 January to 30 March, 14 May to 29 June and 30 July to 14 September 2018. During this period, the Conference held [25] formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held [***number***] informal plenary meetings.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2018 session on 23 January 2018, Ms Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, addressed the Conference on Disarmament, in which she stressed the Secretary-General's belief in the need to reframe and modernize long-standing disarmament and non-proliferation priorities, as well as tackling new challenges and emphasised, inter alia, that bringing the Conference on Disarmament back to important business will have a critical impact on how disarmament actions can be collectively re-energized and modernized.Noting that the Secretary-General deemed important to consider how to give new momentum and impetus to global disarmament efforts, she noted that the current international situation underscored the need to reframe and modernize long-standing disarmament and non-proliferation priorities, as well as tackling new challenges, and that deepening divisions and persistent stagnation were exacerbating international tensions and creating new dangers" (CD/PV.1434).

6. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres also addressed the Conference on Disarmament on 26 February 2018 (CD/PV.1445). In his speech, Mr. Guterres recalled the important gains achieved by disarmament and arms control over the years and expressed his concern, inter alia, at the return of strategic tensions. On this occasion, he also announced his initiative aimed at addressing today's priorities: conflict prevention, upholding humanitarian principles, promoting sustainable development and dealing with future threats.

7. Upon the joint invitation of the first President of the Conference, Mr. Ravinatha Aryasinha, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the Conference on Disarmament, and of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.1445); Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) (CD/PV.1445); Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the of the UN General Assembly (CD/PV.1445); Mr. Ignazio Cassis, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland (CD/PV.1446); Mr. Miguel Ruiz-Cabanas, Deputy Minister of Multilateral

Affairs and Human Rights of Mexico (CD/PV.1446); Mr. Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation of the Republic of Myanmar (CD/PV.1446); Mr. Simas Magalhães, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Political Affairs of Brazil (CD/PV.1446); Mr. Karl Erjavec, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia (CD/PV.1447); Mr. Alfonso María Dastis, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain (CD/PV.1447); Mr. Sidiki Kaba, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal (CD/PV.1447); Ms. Kang Kyung-wha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1447); Ms. Margot Wallström, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden (CD/PV.1447); Ms. Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1447); Mr. Sameh Shoukry, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt (CD/PV.1447); Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1448); Mr. Ivan Korčok, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic (CD/PV.1448); Mr. Ciarán Cannon, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland (CD/PV.1448); Mr. Manabu Horii, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1448); Mr. Jorge Arreaza Montessat, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela (CD/PV.1448); Mr. Ahmet Yildiz, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey (CD/PV.1449); Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1449); Mr. Golam Hossein Dehghani, Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs of Iran (CD/PV.1449); Mr. George Ciamba, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (CD/PV.1449); Mr. Luwellyn Tyrone Landers, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa (CD/PV.1449). Upon the invitation of the fifth President of the Conference, Mr. Walid Doudech, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia, Ms. Karin Kneissl, Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria (CD/PV.1463) and Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance of the United States, Ms. Yleem D.S. Poblete (CD/PV.1465) addressed the Conference on Disarmament.

8. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously voiced support for the Conference, expressed concern about the Conference's situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

9. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. Anja Kaspersen, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; Ms. Silvia Mercogliano, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament (until 31 March 2018) and Mr. Marco Kalbusch, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament (as of 1 April 2018).

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

10. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great

Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

11. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from [45] States not members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Honduras, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Togo, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

12. The following [documents] dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference [were] submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2117, dated 29 January 2018, entitled "Letter dated 24 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the conference during 2018 from non-member States ";

(b) [...]

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2018 session

13. At its 1434th plenary meeting on 23 January 2018, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Mr. Ravinatha Pandukabhaya Aryasinha, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2018 session (CD/PV.1434). The agenda (CD/2116) read as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2018 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

14. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

15. Pursuant to paragraph 56 of the 2017 report of the Conference (CD/2112), the last President of the 2017 session (Spain) and the first President of the 2018 session (Sri Lanka), conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2018 session of the Conference.

16. At the 1442nd plenary meeting on 16 February 2018, the Conference adopted decision CD/2119, submitted by the President of the Conference, Mr. Ravinatha Pandukabhaya Aryasinha, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka, which reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament,

Cognizant of its role as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum established by the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to Disarmament (SSOD-I),

Noting that it provides its Member States with a platform to engage in negotiations, on the basis of the rule of consensus,

Convinced that disarmament and arms limitations, particularly in the nuclear field, contributes to the prevention of the danger of nuclear war and strengthening of international peace and security,

Taking into account developments in the field of international peace and security of concern to the Conference,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2116,

Noting that the agenda continues to provide the opportunity to address contemporary disarmament and international security challenges,

Recalling paragraph 28 of its rules of procedure which calls on the Conference to establish its programme of work on the basis of its agenda,

Taking into account the several proposals tabled since 2000 for the programme of work of the Conference and the interest to see the Conference return to substantive work,

Conscious of the need to conduct its work in a balanced and comprehensive manner,

Without prejudice to the right of any member State of the Conference to raise any subject relevant to the work of the Conference at a plenary and to further decisions that may be taken on substantive work,

And without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and the responsibilities entrusted to the President under the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular rule 29 for drawing up the programme of work of the Conference,

Cognizant of the complex nature of the issues under its purview and the wide range of perspectives thereon,

Seeking to advance the substantive work of the Conference in fulfilment of its mandate in accordance with SSOD I,

decides:

1. To establish, in accordance with Paragraph 23 of its rules of procedure, subsidiary bodies on agenda items 1 (one) to 4 (four), and one on agenda items 5 (five), 6 (six) and 7 (seven), which could also consider emerging and other issues relevant to substantive work of the Conference. In their work the subsidiary bodies would pursue the following areas and any other areas agreed by the subsidiary bodies, in accordance with the rules of procedure:

(a) To reach an understanding on the areas of commonalities in the Conference on Disarmament by taking into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future;

(b) Deepening technical discussions and broadening areas of agreement, including through the participation, in accordance with the rules of procedure, of relevant experts;

(c) Consider effective measures, including legal instruments for negotiations.

2. Each subsidiary body will be chaired by a coordinator appointed by the Conference, under the guidance of the President on the basis of equitable regional distribution.

3. The subsidiary bodies shall meet in accordance with paragraph 24 of the rules of procedure, and shall conduct their work in accordance with paragraph 18 of the rules of procedure, with even allocation of time.

4. In accordance with rule 35 of the rules of procedure, the subsidiary bodies shall remain open to all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those non Member States that the Conference has invited to participate in its work during the 2018 session.

5. The report on the progress achieved and agreed on in each subsidiary body would be submitted by its coordinator to the Conference on Disarmament, through the President, for adoption and due reflection in the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

6. This decision is taken for the 2018 session, without prejudice to any subsequent decision at the beginning of the next annual sessions of the Conference on Disarmament."

17. At the 1455th plenary meeting on 27 March 2018 the Conference adopted decision CD/2126, submitted by the President of the Conference, Ms. Sabrina Dallafior, on the appointment of the coordinators of the subsidiary bodies and the timetable of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies, which reads as follows:

"The Conference on Disarmament,

In accordance with Paragraph 23 of its rules of procedure and *in pursuance* of its decision CD/2119 to establish subsidiary bodies,

Decides

1. On the basis of equitable geographic distribution, to appoint the following coordinators of the subsidiary bodies:

- Subsidiary body 1: Cessation of the arms race and nuclear disarmament
  H.E. Mr Hasan Kleib, Ambassador of Indonesia

- Subsidiary body 2: Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters
  H.E. Mr Robbert Jan Gabriëlse, Ambassador of the Netherlands

- Subsidiary body 3: Prevention of an arms race in outer space
  H.E. Mr Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador of Brazil

- Subsidiary body 4: Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons
  H.E. Mr Michael Biontino, Ambassador of Germany

- Subsidiary body 5: New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons - Comprehensive programme of disarmament - Transparency in armament - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/2119
  H.E. Mr Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador of Belarus

2. That the subsidiary bodies will meet in accordance with the timetable annexed to this decision."

18. At the 1460th plenary meeting on 12 June 2018, the President of the Conference, Mr. Hussam Edin A'Ala, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, presented a draft proposal for a programme of work (CD/PV.1460). At the 1462nd plenary meeting on 22 June 2018, he presented a revised draft proposal for a programme of work (CD/PV.1462).

19. At the 1465th plenary meeting on 14 August 2018, the President of the Conference, Mr. Walid Doudech, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia, presented a draft decision to establish an informal working group to discuss issues raised in the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations entitled "Agenda for Disarmament" that are pertinent to the mandate of the Conference (CD/PV.1465).

20. Throughout the 2018 session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of the relevant proposals. Delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking account of relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2018.

21. The following documents were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2128, dated 25 June 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 June 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic, in its capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament, requesting registration of the document entitled 'Draft programme of work for the 2018 session', under the symbol CD/WP.608/Rev.1, as an official document of the 2018 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(b) CD/2136, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 17 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, in its capacity as President of the Conference on Disarmament, requesting registration of the document entitled 'Draft decision' under the symbol CD/WP.609, as an official document of the 2018 session of the Conference on Disarmament";

(c) [...]

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

22. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records (*[CD/PV.1464]*).

23. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

24. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

25. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

26. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2018 session

27. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

28. Pursuant to the establishment of the subsidiary bodies (CD/2119), each subsidiary body held seven meetings on as per the timetable adopted by the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2126) in accordance with paragraph 24 of the rules of procedure (CD/8/Rev.9). These subsidiary bodies conducted their work in accordance with paragraph 18 of the rules of procedure (CD/8/Rev.9). The non-Member States invited to participate in the work of the Conference on Disarmament during the 2018 session were also invited to participate in the work of the subsidiary bodies in accordance with rule 35 of the rules of procedure (CD/8/Rev.9).

29. The coordinators of each subsidiary body submitted their reports on the progress achieved and agreed on in each subsidiary body to the Conference on Disarmament, through the President, Ms. Beliz Celasin Rende, Chargée d'Affaires *ad interim* of Turkey, on *[date]*.

30. *[placeholder subsidiary bodies]*

31. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Mr. Walid Doudech, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tunisia, the Conference discussed the

Agenda for Disarmament of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 7 August 2018 (CD/PV.1464).

32. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2018 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as Appendix II to this report.

33. The Conference had before it a letter dated 2 January 2018 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-second session in 2017, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2115). The latter are listed below:

72/23	Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (Fifth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
72/25	Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non- nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (Tenth, twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth preambular paragraphs, operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5)
72/26	Prevention of an arms race in outer space (Sixth, eleventh, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 5, 6, 8)
72/27	No first placement of weapons in outer space (Seventh preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3)
72/31	Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations (Fifth preambular paragraph)
72/35	Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (Operative paragraph 2)
72/37	Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world (Ninth preambular paragraph)
72/38	Nuclear disarmament (Sixteenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 16, 17, 20)
72/39	Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (Twentieth preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 16)
72/50	United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons (Sixteenth preambular paragraph)
72/56	Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities (Sixth, seventh preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 3)
72/59	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (Ninth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1, 2)
72/65	Report of the Conference on Disarmament (First, second, third, fifth, sixth,

seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, twelfth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1 to 10)

72/66 Report of the Disarmament Commission (Operative paragraphs 4, 9)

72/251 Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament (Fourteenth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 13, 20)

34. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2123, dated 21 February 2018, entitled " Note verbale dated 23 August 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, to the Secretariat of the Conference of Disarmament transmitting the G-21 Working paper on Work of the Conference on Disarmament";

(b) CD/2130, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 General Statement";

(c) CD/2134, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 Working paper on the work of the Conference on Disarmament"

[...]

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

35. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

36. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2113, dated 19 January 2018, entitled "Letter dated 25 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the declaration of the member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2114, dated 19 January 2018, entitled "Letter dated 4 January 2018 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report of the conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination";

(c) CD/2122, dated 21 February 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, to the Secretariat of the Conference of Disarmament transmitting the G-21 Working paper on Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament". This document was originally submitted during the 2017 session of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) CD/2133, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 Working paper on Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(e) CD/2135, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 Working paper on Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) [...]

37. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 1, Cessation of the arms race and nuclear disarmament, coordinated by H.E. Mr Hasan Kleib, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Indonesia, met on 25 June (afternoon); 26 June (afternoon); 31 July (afternoon; 2 August (morning and afternoon); 3 August (morning) and 9 August (afternoon).

38. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 1 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. It reads as follows:

[***placeholder for the report of subsidiary body 1***]

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

39. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

40. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2113, dated 19 January 2018, entitled "Letter dated 25 September 2017 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the declaration of the member States of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean on the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2114, dated 19 January 2018, entitled "Letter dated 4 January 2018 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the report of the conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination";

(c) CD/2122, dated 21 February 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, to the Secretariat of the Conference of Disarmament transmitting the G-21 Working paper on Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament". This document was originally submitted during the 2017 session of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) CD/2133, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 Working paper on Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(e) CD/2135, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21 submitting the G-21 Working paper on Nuclear Disarmament";

(f) [...]

41. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 2, Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters, coordinated by H.E. Mr Robbert Jan Gabriëlse, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands, met on 15 May (afternoon); 16 May (afternoon); 27 June (afternoon); 28 June (morning and afternoon); 29 June (morning) and 7 August (afternoon).

42. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 2 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. It reads as follows:

[***placeholder for the report of subsidiary body 2***]

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2132, dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, submitting the G-21 Working paper on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space"

(b) [...]

45. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 3, Prevention of an arms race in outer space, coordinated by H.E. Mr Guilherme de Aguiar Patriota, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil, met on 23 May (afternoon); 25 May (morning); 5 June (afternoon); 6 June (afternoon); 7 June (morning and afternoon); and 24 August (morning).

46. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 3 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. It reads as follows:

[***placeholder for the report of subsidiary body 3***]

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

47. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

48. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2120 dated 21 February, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2017 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, in its

capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, to the Secretariat of the Conference of Disarmament transmitting the G-21 Working paper on Negative security assurances." This document was originally submitted during the 2017 session of the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) CD/2131 dated 17 August 2018, entitled "Note verbale dated 3 August 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, and in its capacity as the Coordinator for the Group of 21, submitting the G-21 Working Paper on Negative Security Assurances"

(c) [...]

49. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 4, Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, coordinated by H.E. Mr Michael Biontino, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany, met on 22 May (afternoon); 24 May (morning); 11 June (afternoon); 12 June (afternoon); 13 June (afternoon); 14 June (afternoon) and 22 August (afternoon).

50. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 4 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. It reads as follows:

[***placeholder for the report of subsidiary body 4***]

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

51. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

52. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

[...]

53. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 5, New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons - Comprehensive programme of disarmament - Transparency in armament - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/2119, coordinated by H.E. Mr Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus, met on 17 May (afternoon); 18 May (morning); 19 June (afternoon); 20 June (afternoon); 21 June (morning and afternoon); and 23 August (afternoon).

54. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 5 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. It reads as follows:

[***placeholder for the report of subsidiary body 5***]

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

55. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

56. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) [...]

57. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 5, New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons - Comprehensive programme of disarmament - Transparency in armament - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/2119, coordinated by H.E. Mr Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus, met on 17 May (afternoon); 18 May (morning); 19 June (afternoon); 20 June (afternoon); 21 June (morning and afternoon); and 23 August (afternoon).

58. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 5 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. Its content is reflected in paragraph [54] above.

G. Transparency in armaments

59. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

60. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

[...]

61. As per the timetable adopted by the Conference (CD/2126), subsidiary body 5, New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons - Comprehensive programme of disarmament - Transparency in armament - Emerging and other issues relevant to the substantive work of the Conference could also be considered, in accordance with CD/2119, coordinated by H.E. Mr Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus, met on 17 May (afternoon); 18 May (morning); 19 June (afternoon); 20 June (afternoon); 21 June (morning and afternoon); and 23 August (afternoon).

62. In accordance with decision CD/2119, the report on the progress achieved in subsidiary body 5 was agreed by the subsidiary body and adopted by the Conference on [***date***]. Its content is reflected in paragraph [54] above.

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

63. The following documents were submitted to the conference:

(a) CD/2118, dated 19 February 2018, entitled "Note Verbale dated 1 February 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament, transmitting the Chair's Summary of the International Workshop "Promoting the effective implementation of Resolution 1540 (2004) in the context of evolving proliferation risks and challenges", which took place on 2-3 November 2017in Kyiv (Ukraine)":

(b) CD/2124, dated 8 March 2018, entitled "Note Verbale dated 2 March 2018 from the Permanent Missions of New Zealand and Australia transmitting the text of the Auckland Declaration on Conventional Weapons Treaties";

(c) CD/2125, dated 27 March 2018, entitled "Note Verbale dated 15 March 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine transmitting the Decree of the Verkhov na Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine on the Address of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to the international community regarding the preparation of illegal elections of the President of the Russian Federation on the temporary occupied parts of the territory of Ukraine – the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, as well as the relevant Address thereto";

(d) [...]

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

64. Being aware of the growing importance and need of progress of multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2018 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2019 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

65. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2019 session would be:

First part: 21 January – 31 March

Second part: 13 May – 30 June

Third part: 29 July – 15 September.

66. The annual report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on ***[date]*** September 2018, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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